

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Regarding Water Conservation

WHEREAS, water is a precious resource that should be managed and used wisely;

WHEREAS, Utah’s continued population growth combined with periodic years of drought make it necessary for Utahns to adopt long-term water conservation ethics;

WHEREAS, the state of Utah encourages an ethic of conservation and water use efficiency;

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Water Conservation Team has developed guidance and plans for water conservation and made those resources available to the public on the Division of Water Resources website at www.conservewater.utah.gov;

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Water Conservation Team has also developed the “Slow the Flow” water conservation campaign;

WHEREAS, the Division of Facilities Construction and Management, in cooperation with the Utah Division of Water Resources, has developed and implemented water conservation design criteria for new state facilities and remodels;

WHEREAS, water conservation criteria for existing state buildings, facilities, grounds, parks and other properties, should also be developed;

WHEREAS, state employees should be actively involved in implementing such criteria;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Olene S. Walker, governor of the state of Utah, by virtue of the power vested in me by the laws and constitution of Utah, hereby order the following:

1. The Division of Facilities Construction and Management, in cooperation with the Utah Division of Water Resources, shall develop a water conservation operation and maintenance plan that provides state facility managers and building engineers with practical information on no-cost and low-cost measures to reduce water use in state facilities. Examples of practical conservation measures for consideration could include:
 - a. Auditing and repairing all landscape irrigation systems so they are operating at an acceptable efficiency.
 - b. Prohibiting watering of landscapes between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
 - c. Implementing a leak detection and repair program for both indoor and outdoor water use.
 - d. Conducting periodic checks of facility restrooms, boiler rooms, etc., to ensure appliances are working at maximum efficiency.
 - e. Replacing inefficient plumbing fixtures with ultra low-flow fixtures, as replacement is appropriate.
 - f. Limiting turf areas surrounding facilities.
2. Each state facility manager and building engineer shall implement such water conservation plans in the building(s) and facility(ies) and on the grounds for which he or she is responsible.
3. The Utah Division of Water Resources shall prepare an information campaign and work with state agencies to encourage state employees to conserve water in and around the workplace, to be aware of the water conservation website and to participate in the “Slow the Flow” campaign;
4. It shall be the duty and responsibility of all state government agencies and every state employee to conserve water in and around the workplace.

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of Utah.
Done in Salt Lake City, Utah, this 23rd day of April, 2004.

OLENE S. WALKER
Governor

ATTEST:

GAYLE F. MCKEACHNIE
Lieutenant Governor